(c) A final decision on the clearances of the project proposals which are outside the jurisdiction of courts and pending due to non-submission of requisite information will be taken within a stipulated time period from the date of receipt of the information which has been sought from the project athorities.

Decreasing of Animals in the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park

2063. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) how many animals and birds were in the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park 5 years ago;

(b) what is this number as on 31st May, 1994; and

(c) what are the causes of this decreasing number of animals and birds in this zoo with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The total number of Birds and animals in the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling are as under:

	5 years ago As on 31-3-89	As on 31-5-94
Birds . . .	46	63
Animals . .	81	59

(c) The decrease in the number of animals in Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling over the past five years has been mainly because of two reasons;

(i) Death due to natural causes, such as old age, health problems related to old age, accidents like infighting etc., and infections diseases; and

(ii) Difficulty in procurement of new wildlife specimens due to restrictions on trade in wild animals and birds under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

Pending Projects of Rajasthan for environmental Clearance

2064. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of projects of Rajasthan are pending till 25th July, 1994 for environmental clearance;

(b) if so, the project-wise details thereof;

(c) the steps taken so far to clear these projects by the Central Government; and

(d) whether Government have modified the environment Impact-Notification issued early this year, if so, whether State Government of Rajasthan/ NGOs dealing with environment were consulted in this regard, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Twelve projects of Rajasthan were pending for environmental clearance as of 25th July, 1994 however five of these projects have subsequently been cleared.

(b) List of projects along with their date of receipt and reasons for pendency is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) A final decision on the clearances of the project proposals will be taken within a stipulated time period from the dates of receipt of the requisite and complete information soght from the project authorities concerned.

(d) The notification was slightly modified on 4 May, 1991 to incorporate the views of different Government departments to have expenditious decision making within the prescribed the limit without changing the spirit and essence of the notification. Further consultations at that stage were not considered necessary.